

REMARKS

This Amendment after Final is filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed March 30th, 2006. All objections and rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 1-20 are now pending in the case.

Claims 1, 5-7, 9, 19 and 20 have been amended to better claim the invention.

No claims have been added.

Amendment of Claims Appropriate for Entry After Final Rejection

While the Applicant has amended several of the claims in this case, the Applicant still believes this amendment is suitable for entry after final rejection. The Applicant's amendments do not add new limitations to the claims that would require additional searching by the Examiner, but rather mainly address the use of present participle tense verbs (i.e. verbs ending in "ing") in apparatus claims, which may cause confusion as to the statutory class of the claims. Accordingly, the Applicant has replaced such verbs with phrases indicating that the apparatus is "configured to" or "adapted to" perform the specified tasks. For example, in claims 1 the Applicant has replaced the verb "receiving" with the phrase "configured to receive." Due to the limited scope of these changes, the Applicant respectfully urges this amendment is suitable for entry.

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Objection to the Abstract

At paragraph 1 of the Final Office Action the Abstract was objected to as being too long. The Applicant now amends the Abstract to include approximately 136 words. Accordingly the Abstract should now be non-objectionable.